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We have to apologise to Mr. J. Thompson of Liverpool, and to one or two anonymous Correspondents, for apparent neglect of their communications; but absence from London, during the greater part of the months of August and September, prevented our paying attention to their wishes.

We are much obliged by the confidential letter of F. R. S. and its enclosure: he is not aware of much information that we possess; nor do we think that the publication of his remarks would serve the cause of science. We entirely agree, however, upon the subject of the Medals, and shall be glad of his proposed remarks on the decision of the Council respecting them. Time will set the other matters to rights; at least we hope so.

We have already informed our Correspondents that we are not in the habit of preserving either letters or manuscripts; but that when desired to return them, are punctual in so doing. This must be our answer to O. O.

Another F. R. S. is informed that the principal subject of his inquiry is in the hands of Sir Thomas Lawrence and Mr. Chantrey; it will, therefore, *not* be made a job of. Whether the other arrangements are, or are not, settled we cannot say.

" A Constant Reader," who inquires respecting *Brome*, is referred to the Miscellanea of this Number. The substance is certainly curious; but whether simple or compound, seems at present not quite evident.

The wishes of a " Member of the Athenæum" shall, if possible, be complied with at an early opportunity.